UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No. 17-cr-113-pp

MARICELA DOMINGUEZ,

Defendant.

ORDER ADOPTING JUDGE JONES'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION (DKT. NO. 448) AND ACCEPTING DEFENDANT'S GUILTY PLEA

On May 1, 2019, the defendant and her counsel appeared before Magistrate Judge David E. Jones for a change-of-plea hearing. Dkt. No. 448. Interpreter Alexandra Wirth assisted the parties in interpretation. Id. The defendant consented to Judge Jones taking the plea. Id. at 1. Judge Jones explained that he would make a recommendation to Judge Stadtmueller (the district court judge to whom the case then was assigned), and that Judge Stadtmueller would decide whether to accept the plea. Id. After questioning the defendant under oath, Judge Jones found her to be "lucid, intelligent, and not under the influence of any intoxicants or substances." Id. Judge Jones also questioned the defendant about her rights, the penalties associated with the offense to which she was pleading, and this court's final authority to impose a sentence regardless of the recommendations of the probation department or the parties. Id. at 1-2. At the end of the hearing, Judge Jones concluded, and recommended that Judge Stadtmueller find, that the defendant's plea was

knowing and voluntary, and supported by an independent factual basis. <u>Id.</u> at 2. Judge Jones recommended that Judge Stadtmueller accept the defendant's

guilty plea and schedule a sentencing hearing. Id.

No party has objected to Judge Jones' report and recommendation.

Because Judge Stadtmueller has recused himself, the case has been assigned

to this court. Having reviewed the docket, the plea hearing and Judge Jones's

findings, the court **ADOPTS** Judge Jones's report and recommendation. Dkt.

No. 448. The court **ACCEPTS** defendant Maricela Dominguez's guilty plea,

finding that she entered it knowingly and voluntarily, understanding her rights

and the consequences of her plea.

Judge Stadtmueller has ordered that the probation office disclose the

initial presentence investigation report by July 1, 2019; objections are due by

July 11, 2019 and responses by July 18, 2019. Judge Stadtmueller scheduled

the sentencing hearing for July 26, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. At the May 22, 2019 all-

counsel status conference, the court will discuss with the parties whether,

given the court's calendar, it will be necessary to adjourn that sentencing

hearing.

Dated in Milwaukee, Wisconsin this 17th day of May, 2019.

BY THE COURT:

HON. PAMELA PEPPER

United States District Judge

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